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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-22 (canceled).

Claim 23 (currently amended): A method for promoting the cleavage of an ester or carbamate linkage of a prodrug to form an active drug in a cell or organism comprising administering to a cell or organism a prodrug comprising an ester or carbamate linkage and a recombinantly produced ~~carboxylesterase~~ rabbit carboxylesterase which expresses a polynucleotide encoding SEQ ID NO: 21 wherein said rabbit carboxylesterase is capable of cleaving the ester or carbamate linkage of the prodrug, and forming an active drug in the cell or organism.

Claim 24 (canceled).

Claim 25 (previously presented): The method of claim 23 wherein said prodrug is irinotecan, 7-ethyl-10-[4-(1-piperidino)-1-piperidino] carbonyloxycamptothecin (CPT-11) or 7-ethyl-10-[4-N-(5-aminopentanoic acid)-1-piperidino] carbonylcampothecin (APC).

Claim 26 (canceled).

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Claim 27 (previously presented): The method of claim 23 wherein said organism is a human.

Claim 28 (original): The method of claim 23 wherein said prodrug is administered prior to administration of said carboxylesterase.

Claim 29 (original): The method of claim 23 wherein said carboxylesterase is administered prior to administration of said prodrug.

Claims 30-31 (canceled).